

*Mr. Speaker :*

I am instructed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has this day approved and signed a

Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint Commissioners to prepare a Penal Code.

D. L. DALTON, Private Secretary.

The consideration of the special orders being resumed,

On motion of Mr. Padgett, the House laid on the table his motion to reconsider the vote concurring in the adverse report of the Judiciary Committee, on the Senate bill,

To restore to a debtor the common law right of an honest preference among his creditors, and to repeal section 1556 of the Code of Alabama, which took away that right.

The next special order for this hour, being the bill

To increase the fees of the officers of Autauga county ;

Was taken up, and amended by making its provisions applicable to the counties of Greene, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Washington, Dale, Coosa and Limestone ; and,

On motion of Mr. Doster,

The bill and amendments was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report a general fee bill.

Mr. Vansandt moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Lost.

Message from the Senate by Mr. Garrett.

*Mr. Speaker :*

The Senate, in accordance with a resolution passed by the House, herewith returns the bill—

To provide for the erection of a court house and jail in the county of Marshall.

Mr. Leeper, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported the following amendment to the bill,

To amend the charter of the Tennessee River Railroad Company,

And recommend its passage :

Strike out of the caption the word "amend," and insert "enlarge the powers granted by ;" amend the first section by inserting after the word "that," in the fourth line, the words "the powers of said company under ;" and strike out the word "amend" in the last line of the first section, and insert "enlarged ;"

Adopted.